

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A paperboard carton for articles arranged in an end-on-end relationship ~~in at least two layers~~, the carton comprising:

six sides, the six sides including a first side disposed between a second side and a third side, the first side being perpendicular a fourth side, the second side, and the third side, the second side and the third side being parallel, ~~and a divider pad provided between the adjacent end-on-end layers of articles,~~

a two-piece dispenser that includes a first portion and a second portion; the dispenser defined at least partially by a first tear line, a second tear line, and a third tear line; the first portion is removable from the carton along the first tear line to create a first ~~a removable portion that defines an opening in the first side for article removal, the first portion is detachable along the first tear line, the first tear line detaching the first portion from both the second portion and the carton, the second portion defined at least partially along its perimeter by the first tear line, the second tear line, and the third tear line,~~

after the first portion is detached from the second portion and from the carton, the second portion forming a hinged flap about the second tear line and the third tear line ~~adjacent the removable portion defined at least partially by a first cut and a second cut extending from the removable portion, the first cut~~ second tear line ~~having a first end proximate the second~~ ~~removable~~ portion and a second end distal the second ~~removable~~

portion, the second end of the second tear line intersected by a first intersection line, the first intersection line being non-parallel the second tear line, the first intersection line preventing the second tear line from extending beyond its intended length, the third tear line second-cut having a first end proximate the second removable portion and second end distal the second removable portion, the second end of the third tear line first-cut and the second end of the second-cut intersected by a second intersection line, the second intersection line being non-parallel the third tear line, the second intersection line preventing the third tear line respective lines that prevent the first-cut and the second-cut from extending beyond its their intended length,

wherein the second opening is adjacent the first opening and when the first portion is removed from the second portion, the hinged flap, when engaged, enlarges the opening to create an enlarged opening comprising the first opening with the second opening, the enlarged opening enabling easier article container removal from the carton than the first opening alone.

2. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1 wherein the divider pad is secured to the inside of the carton.

3. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 1 wherein the first removable portion extends into both the second and the third sides.

4. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1 wherein the divider pad has a fold down gluing panel.

5. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 1 wherein when the first opening is created, all of the containers in the carton are prevented from rolling out.

6. (Currently Amended) The carton of claim 1 wherein the second tear line and the third tear line ~~first cut and the second cut~~ are aligned to allow the hinged flap to be pivoted therebetween.

7. - 8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The carton of claim 1 wherein the six sides are arranged substantially rectangular.

10. - 12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A blank capable of being formed into a paperboard carton for articles arranged in an end-on-end relationship ~~in at least two layers~~, the blank having six sides, the six sides including a first side disposed between a second side and a third side, the first side being perpendicular a fourth side, the second side, and the third side, the second side and the third side being parallel, ~~and a divider pad provided between the adjacent end-on-end layers of articles~~ a two-piece dispenser that includes a first portion and a second portion; the dispenser

defined at least partially by a first tear line, a second tear line, and a third tear line; the first portion is removable from the carton along the first tear line to create a first a removable portion that defines an opening in the first side for article removal, the first portion is detachable along the first tear line, the first tear line detaching the first portion from both the second portion and the carton, the second portion defined at least partially along its perimeter by the first tear line, the second tear line, and the third tear line, after the first portion is detached from the second portion and from the carton, the second portion forming, a hinged flap about the second tear line and the third tear line adjacent the removable portion defined at least partially by a first cut and a second cut extending from the removable portion, the first cut second tear line having a first end proximate the second removable portion and a second end distal the second removable portion, the second end of the second tear line intersected by a first intersection line, the first intersection line being non-parallel the second tear line, the first intersection line preventing the second tear line from extending beyond its intended length, the third tear line second-cut having a first end proximate the second removable portion and second end distal the second removable portion, the second end of the third tear line first-cut and the second end of the second-cut intersected by a second intersection line, the second intersection line being non-parallel the third tear line, the second intersection line preventing the third tear line respective lines that prevent the first cut and the second-cut from extending beyond its their intended length, wherein the second opening is adjacent the first opening and when the first portion is removed from the second portion, the hinged flap, when engaged, enlarges the opening to create an enlarged opening comprising the first opening with the second opening, the enlarged opening enabling easier article container removal from the carton than the first opening alone.

14. (Previously Presented) The blank of claim 13 wherein the divider pad is secured to the inside of the carton.

15. (Currently Amended) The blank of claim 13 wherein the first ~~removable~~ portion extends into both the second and the third sides.

16. (Previously Presented) The blank of claim 13 wherein the divider pad has a fold down gluing panel.

17. (Currently Amended) The blank of claim 13 wherein when the first opening is created, all of the containers in the carton are prevented from rolling out.

18. (Previously Presented) The blank of claim 13 wherein the six sides can be arranged to be substantially rectangular.

19. (Currently Amended) The blank of claim 13 wherein the second tear line and the third tear line ~~first cut and the second cut~~ can be aligned to allow the hinged flap to be pivoted therebetween.

20. - 59. (Canceled)

60. (New) The carton of claim 1 wherein the first tear line defines a perimeter section of the second portion in the first side, and wherein removal of the first portion from the second portion detaches along the perimeter section.

61. (New) The blank of claim 13 wherein the first tear line defines a perimeter section of the second portion in the first side, and wherein removal of the first portion from the second portion detaches along the perimeter section.